पैराफिन एककों को बंद किये जाने संबंधी समाचार

1192. **श्रीमती आनंदी ज. पटेल**: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 30 सितंबर, 1997 के नवभारत टाइम्स में दोषपूर्ण नीतियों के कारण पैराफिन वैक्स की 270 इकाइयां बंद शीरह्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी व्यापक ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या सरकार स्लैक वैक्स की आपूर्ति बढ़ाए जाने की एसोसिएशन की मांग पर विचार कर रही है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी. आर. बालू): (क) से (ङ) स्लैक वैक्स की आपूर्ति फिलहाल उन स्लैक वैक्स यूनिटों को की जा रही है जिन्हें राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के उद्योग निर्देशक के पास 19.6.86 को अथवा उससे पहले पंजीकृति किया गया है तथा जिनकी क्षमताओं का आकलन 31.12.86 को अथवा उससे पहले किया गया था। देश में स्लैक वैक्स की वर्तमान उत्पादन क्षमता 73200 एम टी है और अधिक उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिए एच. पी. सी. एल. औद्योगिक उपभोकाताओं को आपूर्ति के लिए बम्बई रिफाइनरी में 18.0 डी एम टी पी ए क्षमता की एक स्लैक वैक्स उत्पादन यूनिट स्थापित करने जा रही है।

Insufficient supply of Bitumen

1193. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ef Gujarat has approached the Ministry of Petroleum regarding insufficient supply of bitumen;

(b) if so, the steps takeivproposed to be taken to ensure sufficient and uninterrupted supply of bitumen;

(c) whether it is a fact that long queues are witnessed for ashphalt at Koyali refinery during the working seasons, resulting in long waiting period of tankers;

(d) if so, the average waiting period for tankers;

(e) whether the loading capacity of bitumen at Koyali Refinery is sufficient to take care of the demand; and

(f) if not, the steps takeivbroposed to be taken to ensure sufficient loading capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATUTAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BALLU): (a) and (b) During January, 1997, the Government of Gujarat requested for ensuring adequate bitumen supplies to the State. The oil companies have been advised to augment bitumen supplies to the State subject to upliftment by the State through their nominated tank trucks.

(c) Yes, Sir. Long queues are witnessed occasionally during the working (peak) season at the Koyali refinery.

(d) The waiting period is one or two days occasionally.

(e) and (f) The bulk bitumen loading capacity of 100 to 110 trucks per day at the Koyali refinery is in line with the actual bitumen production capacity, which is sufficient to meet the normal demand. In case of abnormal demand, alternate arrangements are made on Industry basis to bridge the gap between demand and supply from the surplus zones.

Oil and Gas Reserves in Bay of Bengal and Mahanadi basin

1194. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNA1K: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the huge resources of oil and natural gas in the offshore and onshore of Bay of Bengal and also in the Mahanadi basin in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken for proper exploitation of oil and natural gas from Mahanadi basin and Bay of Bengal onshore and offshore; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BALLU): (a) to (c) Oil India Ltd. (OIL) has carried out about 3814 Standard Line Kilometers (SLKM) and 13943 Line Kilometers (LKM) of seismic survey including processing and interpretation in Mahanadi onshore and Mahanadi and North-East Coast Offshore areas respectively. Based on the seismic data, a total of 15 Nos. of well were drilled in the above areas. However, no commercial discovery of hydrocarbon deposits have so far been made.

Under the various exploration rounds Government, of India has so far offered 15 exploration blocks to privatojoint venture companies in Bengal and Mahanadi basins. However, no block was awarded. In the offshore Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery basin, which form an integral part of Bay of Bengal, hydrocarbon reserves have been established and are under exploitation by Joint Venture companies.

Freezing of Administered Price of Naphtha

1195. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fuel linkages for specified projects other than Naphtha;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after freezing of Naphtha from the administered price mechanism, the power projects based on Naphtha will be affected; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BALLU): (a) to (c) As the indigenous Naphtha has already been committed to meet the demand of existing customers and the prospective customers to whom the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has already approved allocations, the Government has taken a decision that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) requirement of liquid fuels would be met through imports.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas approved allocations of liquid fuels to IPPs based on recommendations received from the Ministry of Power to be supplied at normal (non-subsidised) price under the administered pricing mechanism, as fixed by the Government from time to time, taking into consideration the import parity prices as well as storage, transportation, handling costs plus margin. In case of abolition of APM, the price of the product will be as per merket determined pricing, based on import parity prices plus storage, transportation, handling charges alongwith margin of the company.

As per the model Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) circulated to IPPs, the price of liquid fuels will consist of weighted average landed cost, import handling charge, infrastructure charge, service charge, guarantee charge and actual freight charge or notional freight charge (as applicable).

Supply of Bitumen to Gujarat

1196. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DEVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of Bitumen to Gujarat is tied up with Koyali refinery;

(b) if so, whether the supply of Bitumen is as per their demand;